

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application and are rejected. Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are independent claims.

Applicants cancel claims 28-30 and request reconsideration of the remaining claims.

Claims 1, 5-8, 10, 14-17, 19 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent 6,029,182 (referred to as "Nehab").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims.

Method claim 1 reads as follows (letters have been added to the steps for convenient reference in the following discussion):

1. A method for providing a personalized presentation of news and information to a recipient comprising steps that perform the acts of:

(a) obtaining preferences of the recipient, wherein the preferences include an indication of one or more preferred categories and a preferred presentation layout;

(b) identifying a plurality of documents each having content deemed to satisfy one or more criteria with respect to the one or more preferred categories;

(c) generating a list of entries in which each entry corresponds to a respective document in the plurality of documents and delivering an indication of the list to the recipient;

(d) receiving from the recipient an indication of selected entries in the list of entries selected by the recipient and identifying one or more selected documents corresponding to the selected entries;

(e) obtaining content information that represent at least part of the content of each selected document; and

(f) generating a representation of articles including the content information such that a presentation of the representation conforms to the preferred presentation layout.

Applicants respectfully submit that Nehab does not disclose or suggest at least steps (c), (d) and (e).

Nehab discloses a system for generating a custom formatted document by retrieving content and formatting the content according to a personal profile. The basic operation of the disclosed system is described as follows: the "system traverses a hypermedia document on the Web, extracts data according to user-defined information, and formats the data into a personalized newspaper" (col. 7 lns. 13-16).

Referring to steps shown in Fig. 5B, Nehab describes in more detail how this basic operation can be carried out:

... in the case that a user's computer is continuously supplied with power, the Web news retrieval system can be launched automatically at a designated time. The system will retrieve articles from the Web sites which are listed in the personal-news-profile 19. Upon retrieving the news articles, the articles will be formatted based on the newspaper template in the personal-news-profile 19. The formatted personalized newspaper can then be either printed or stored for later viewing. (col. 10 lns. 25-33)

Once personal-news-profile 19 has been created, the Web news retrieval system, upon being launched, can traverse Web news sites and build a personalized newspaper by automatically retrieving various news articles from the Web news sites and print the news articles based on the newspaper template indicated in the personal-news-profile 19. (col. 10 lns. 36-41)

Nehab does not disclose or suggest step (c) that generates and delivers to the recipient a list of entries corresponding to identified documents, does not disclose or suggest step (d) that receives from the recipient an indication of which entries in the list have been selected by the recipient, and does not disclose or suggest step (e) that obtains content information from the identified documents that correspond to the selected entries.

Independent claims 10 and 19 recite similar features; therefore, the reasons discussed above apply to these claims as well. Claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-27 depend on one of these independent claims and add further limitations thereto.

CONCLUSION

Applicants amend the claims as shown herein and request reconsideration in view of the discussion set forth above.

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